Research.gov – Overview of Service Offerings & Benefits

Led by the National Science Foundation (NSF), Research.gov is a partnership of federal, research-oriented grant-making agencies with a shared vision of increasing customer service for the research community, while streamlining and standardizing business processes among partner agencies. Research.gov provides a comprehensive menu of grants management services for both the research community and federal government agencies.

Research.gov Public-facing Services

These services are available to the public and provide the latest research award information, headlines, policies, events, and other exciting research content.

- **Research Spending and Results** - Search for detailed award information from NSF and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), including award abstracts and publication citations.
- **Policy Library** - An electronic library that consolidates federal and agency-specific policies, guidelines, and procedures for use by federal agencies and the awardee community.
- **Research Headlines** - News and highlighted research activities from NSF and participating partner agencies.

Research.gov Business Services

Research.gov also provides the following business services for registered Research.gov users:

Grants Application Status - Allows Sponsored Projects Offices (SPOs) and Principal Investigators (PIs) to check the status of their applications as they are received and reviewed by NSF and participating partner agencies.

With Grants Application Status, SPOs and PIs can:
- View a consolidated list of grant applications submitted to participating agencies
- View detailed application status history from submission to review to decision
- Maintain a single Log-in ID to view applications at participating agencies
- Search and sort applications by multiple fields (e.g., agency, tracking number, and received date)

Federal Financial Report - Complete and submit grant financial reports for NSF using the government-wide standard form.

With the Federal Financial Report, organizations can:
- Submit multi- and single award financial reports using the new standard government-wide form
- Navigate easily through user-friendly financial management forms
- View clear and comprehensible instructions for each stage in the reporting process
- Adjust financially closed awards
- Access web-based forms pre-populated with organization and grant information
- Download and upload information in Microsoft Excel format

Institution and User Management - Service to allow Institution Administrators with Research.gov accounts to add users and manage their profiles.

Future Service Offerings

In the future, Research.gov plans to offer:

- **Researcher Profile Update** - Integrated online tools to allow Principal Investigators to update their profiles in one easy location.
- **Program Officer Service** - Tools for Program Officers to find information and manage their grant portfolios.
- **Research Performance Progress Reports** - Online tool to complete and submit research performance progress reports using the new government-wide research and related dataset.

Benefits to the Research Community

Research.gov offers the following benefits to the research community:

- Simplifies the research community's access to grants information and services for multiple federal agencies
- Facilitates timely notification of the award review process and decisions
- Provides modern online capabilities for conducting business with federal research agencies
- Helps researchers manage their grants portfolio
- Saves time by providing fast and easy access to participating agencies' information and services
- Helps researchers comply with federal-wide reporting requirements
- Fulfills demand for improved online services tailored to the research community

Benefits to Research.gov Partner Agencies

Research.gov offers the following benefits to NSF and other research agencies:

- Complements or augments existing grants management functions within a department or agency or with other providers (e.g., Grants.gov, other Consortia solutions)
- Helps avoid costs of developing and implementing online grants management services
- Supports federal agencies' efforts to promote the common research mission
- Fulfills federal mandates (E-Government Act, Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006)
- Organizes information into a single access point throughout the grants management process